Officer Hanson(Good Cop/Bad) - Hanson a new police officer , was partnered with Officer Ryan to do his orientation. Is impacted by Ryan’s prejudice actions.

Officer Ryan - deals with his racism which stems from his father's downward turn in life

Shaniqua Johnson – insurance agent that is racially profiled by Ryan based on her name alone. She later takes vengeance by not aiding Ryan.

Cameron Thayer financially secure (but not exactly socially secure)

Christine Thayer – Molested by Officer Ryan

Anthony (Gang-banger)

Graham (Detective) Successful Anthony’s brother, their mother struggles with drugs

Farhad (Persian Shop keeper) Daniel fix the back door lock of Farhad's convenience store. Daniel warns that the door itself needs replacing, which Farhad, an older Persian man, seems to misunderstand and eventually leads to a screaming match where Farhad accuses Daniel of being a cheater.

Dorri (Persian Shopkeepers daughter) Bought blank bullets

Ria (Detective) Grahams Partner and Lover.

Kim Lee- Asian woman rushing to be by her critically injured husband.

Daniel (Latino Tattoos Bald) working-class younger Hispanic family man with a young daughter. The daughter is shown sleeping under the bed because she heard a gunshot, which we find out scares her because she had a bullet go through her room in the old house they have just moved from, which Daniel comments was a "bad neighborhood." He works as for a 24-hour locksmith

Lara- Young girls fearful of the sounds of bullets.

Jean (Upper Class White Women) Jean shouts out that she wants the locks changed because she thinks Daniel will sell off key to his supposed gang member friends. Daniel is within earshot and hears her comments from down the hallway.

Rick are well-off L.A. socialites, as Rick is the District Attorney of Los Angeles

• What do you think caused Anthony to be so defensive about being black?

Both Anthony and Jeans character are the same from two different stand points of view. Jean is finically secure wife, white women. While Anthony is a financially struggling car thief, single black man. They are both extremely angry at society, and highly defensive of their own race, lashing out in different ways to protect themselves from being profiled. It’s not till the end of the movie that they realize that the racism is strongest within themselves.

• What lesson, if any, did each of the character learn? What lessons in life do you think teach people to be more accepting of others differences?

All the main characters were severely changed by the end of the movie. They learned to be more accepting, and jumping to conclusions only has negative consequences. People tend to be more accepting to others when they have something in common besides color. Though since color physical trait it usually the first thing people judge and make prejudice decisions.

• Which character was the most unethical? Why?

I feel that Officer Ryan was the most unethical character throughout the movie. The main reason is that as a police officer Ryan made an oath to serve and protect his community, and not only violated his oath he spread his way of profiling to his partner Hanson, and served as a catalyst to spread racism. Ryan is faced with saving Christine Thayer’s life in a collision which was spread by his actions. He finally realizes the devastating impact he had by Christine’s horrified reaction to see who is approaching to save her life.

Ryan is dragged out of the soon to explode car, but frantically dives back in to save Christine, because he would not be able to overcome his guilt if he let he die. (He was also to repay Christine) The damage he inflicted on Christine was so permanent he had a hard time letting go. This is the changing point in Ryan where he sees the error of his ways.

• Which character as the most ethical? Why?

The two most ethical characters I feel are Dorri the shopkeeper’s daughter, and Daniel. Dorri is opposed to purchasing a gun for self-defense, after her father storms out of the store she takes advantage and purposely purchases blanks.

Daniel is a hard working family man; he is racially stereotyped because he is Latino, shaved head, and tattoos. Daniel was able to rise up beyond the grips of the statistics, and move his family into a nice middleclass community. Despite this, Farhad and Daniel get into an argument due to miscommunication, of how to fix the door. Farhad blinded by rage targets Daniel as the causer of the stores vandalism.

• What lesson did young Lara teach to Farhad when he tried to shoot her father for not fixing the lock and the store being vandalized?

Farhad sees Lara as his angel because she shielded him from making a devastating decision. Farhad having a daughter of his own, sympathized the pain that he could have let Daniels family with, and the consequences he could have been faced with such as prison and a further fuel prejudices